

Basic Detail Report

Title Woman's Cloak

Date about 1770-1800

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Hand-stitched wool and silk

Description Woman's "cardinal" cloak of heavily fulled red wool. The cloak has an attached hood which is shaped by fan-like pleating at the center back. The hood is stitched to a neckband, with four pleats across the back for fullness.

Around the base of the neckband is a deep, scalloped collar; the cloak is pleated into the neckband under this collar. The lower half of the hood is lined with black silk. The center front opening edges are bound with this black silk so that only a narrow strip of the silk is seen from the front, while behind the edge, the silk is about 2 5/8 inches deep. There are slits on the front of the cloak for the arms; these slits are edged with the black silk. The bottom edge of the collar and the edge of the hood are also bound with the black silk. The bottom edge of the cloak is left raw, as are the seam allowances. The wool is so heavily fulled that it does not ravel.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x hem circumference): 69 3/4 x 193 1/2in. (177.2 x 491.5cm)